FAQs

Visa Procedures

Customs/Immigration Related

1. What is the limit on Indian currency that can be imported?

A person who has gone outside India on a temporary visit or a person resident outside India (except for citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh) may bring into India currency notes of the Government of India and Reserve Bank of India notes up to an amount not exceeding INR 25,000 per person, subject to such conditions as notified by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time. For more information, click here

2. What are the guidelines for bringing foreign currency to India?

Any person can bring foreign exchange into India without any limit in any form other than currency notes, bank notes and travellers cheques, subject to declaration to the Custom authorities in the prescribed Currency Declaration Form in following cases: Where the value of foreign currency notes exceeds $ 5,000 or equivalent Where the aggregate value of foreign exchange (in the form of currency notes, bank notes, traveller cheques etc.) exceeds $ 10,000 or its equivalent For more information, click here

3. What is the limit on jewellery that can be brought to India?

As per the Baggage Rules 2016, a passenger who has been residing abroad for over one year is allowed to bring jewellery, free of duty in his bona fide baggage up-to an aggregate weight of 20grams with a cap value of INR 50,000/- (in the case of a gentleman passenger) or 40 grams with a cap value of INR.1,00,000/- (in the case of a lady passenger). For more information, click here

4. What are the norms for the import of alcoholic drinks /cigarettes as baggage?

Following quantities of alcoholic drinks and tobacco products may be included for import within the duty free allowances admissible to various categories of incoming passengers: -Alcoholic liquors or wines upto 2 litres -100 Cigarettes or 25 Cigars or 125 gms. of Tobacco. The Customs Tariff Act

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1975 enlists the rate of duty over and above the mentioned quantities. It can be accessed at the link.

5. What goods are prohibited for import to India?

Some of the goods prohibited for import in India are: Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances. Pornographic material. Counterfeit and pirated goods and good infringing any of the legally enforceable intellectual property rights. Antiquities. For more details, please refer to link.

6. What is detained baggage?

A passenger may request the Customs to detain his baggage either for re-export at the time of his departure from India or for clearance subsequently on payment of duty. The detained baggage would be examined and full details will be inventoried. Such baggage is kept in the custody of the Customs and a Detention Receipt will be issued. For more details, please refer to link for more information.

7. What is the limit on importing cigarettes into India?

The limit on import of tobacco products to India, subject to Baggage Rules, 2016 is 100 sticks of cigarettes or 25 cigars or tobacco not exceeding 125 grams.

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